

Government of Ireland Bill.

LORDS REASON FOR INSISTING ON CERTAIN OF THEIR AMENDMENTS, AND LORDS AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL IN LIEU OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, TO WHICH THE COMMONS HAVE DISAGREED.

Clause 2, page 2, line 1.

The Lords do not insist upon their amendment with which the Commons have disagreed, but propose the following amendment in lieu thereof:

("there shall be constituted, as soon as may be after the appointed day, a Council to be called the Council of Ireland.

(2) Subject as hereinafter provided the Council of Ireland shall consist of a person nominated by the Lord Lieutenant who shall be President and forty other persons, of whom seven shall be members of the Senate of Southern Ireland, thirteen shall be members of the House of Commons of Southern Ireland, seven shall be members of the Senate of Northern Ireland, and thirteen shall be members of the House of Commons of Northern Ireland.

The members of the Council of Ireland shall be elected in each case by the members of that House of the Parliament of Southern Ireland or Northern Ireland of which they are members.

The election of members of the Council of Ireland shall be the first business of the Senates and Houses of Commons of Southern Ireland and Northern Ireland.

A member of the Council shall, on ceasing to be a member of that House of the Parliament of Southern Ireland or Northern Ireland by which he was elected a member of the Council, cease to be a member of the Council:

Provided that on the dissolution of the Parliament of Southern Ireland or Northern Ireland the persons who are members of the Council elected by either House of that Parliament shall continue to hold office as members of the Council until the date of the first meeting of the new Parliament and shall then retire unless re-elected.

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The President of the Council shall preside at each meeting of the Council at which he is present and shall be entitled to vote in case of an equality of votes, but not otherwise.

The first meeting of the Council shall be held at such time and place as may be appointed by the Lord Lieutenant.

The Council may act notwithstanding a vacancy in their number, and the quorum of the Council shall be fifteen; subject as aforesaid the Council may regulate their own procedure, including the delegation of powers to committees.

(3) The constitution of the Council of Ireland may from time to time be varied by identical Acts passed by the Parliament of Southern Ireland and the Parliament of Northern Ireland, and the Acts may provide for all or any of the members of the Council of Ireland being elected by parliamentary electors, and determine the constituencies by which the several elective members are to be returned and the number of the members to be returned by the several constituencies and the method of election.")

Clause 11, page 18, lines 19, 22, and 23:

The Lords insist upon their amendments with which the Commons have disagreed for the following Reason:

Because they consider that the Council of Ireland as now constituted will be in a position to administer the law relating to diseases of animals more efficiently than the Irish Parliaments and Gouernments.

Clause 70, page 55:

The Lords do not insist on their amendment to leave out clause 70 with which the Commons have disagreed, but propose the following amendments to clause 70 and a consequential amendment to clause 71 in lieu thereof:

Clause 70, page 56, line 10, leave out from ("and") to the end of line 13

" meantime ") line 14, leave out ("in the

page 57, line 3, leave out subsection (3) and insert:

(3) At any time within two years after the date of the Order in Council providing for the exercise of the powers of the Government and Parliament of Southern Ireland or Northern Ireland, as the case may be, in manner provided by subsection (1) of this section His Majesty may, upon a resolution declaring that it is expedient so to do passed by both Houses of the Parliament of

the United Kingdom, issue a Proclamation for summoning a Parliament as constituted by this Act to meet for the part of Ireland affected by such Order in Council.

Provided that if the Lord Lieutenant certifies that the number of members of the House of Commons of such Parliament validly returned at such election is less than half the total number of members of that House or that the number of members of the House of Commons of such Parliament who have taken the oath as such members within fourteen days from the date on which such Parliament is summoned to meet is less than one half of the total number of members of that House, His Majesty in Council may by order provide for the dissolution of such Parliament.

The provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall apply as in the case of the first Parliament summoned to meet for such part of Ireland, and the provisions of subsection (1) of this section in regard to the exercise of the powers of the Government and Parliament of the part of Ireland affected shall continue to have effect until the Lord Lieutenant certifies in manner provided by this subsection, and thereafter if the Lord Lieutenant so certifies.

Clause 71, page 57, line 19, leave out (" House of Commons ") and insert (" Parliaments ")
